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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE RISK OF

CANCER, CORONARY HEART DISEASE,

AND STROKE BY ANALYSING A

CATALASE GENE

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.